A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kirkpatrick on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, on May 5, 1945, Jim and Lottie Kirkpatrick embarked upon the sea of matrimony, and their lifelong voyage through marital waters has been blessed with calm and tranquil currents; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 1995, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kirkpatrick will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary, an event that will truly be "golden" in many respects; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkpatrick's fifty years of marriage has been an inspiration to family and friends alike, and is a testament to the excellent characters of these two remarkable people; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick began dating and realized their love for one another at the early ages of 19 and 15, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the young couple continued to date until 1942, when Mr. Kirkpatrick entered the United States Army, where he admirably served in a tank battalion and subsequently retired as a corporal; and

WHEREAS, upon Mr. Kirkpatrick's return from the army, he was proud to see that Mrs. Kirkpatrick was still waiting for him at the bus station after watching him leave three and one half years earlier; and

WHEREAS, both Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick have retired from their vocational pursuits after many years of outstanding service to their respective employers. They now reside in Frayser surrounded by their family and a host of friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirkpatrick is a retired employee of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and Mrs. Kirkpatrick worked as a school crossing guard for 31 years; and

WHEREAS, the couple's exemplary union has produced two fine children, Jimmy and Deborah; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkpatrick's are also the proud grandparents of Joe, Chris, David, Micah and Jared, and are also great-grandparents to Taylor, a two year old great-granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, both Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick enjoy the outdoors. Mr. Kirkpatrick loves to fish and hunt and boast of being one of the best fishermen alive; Mrs. Kirkpatrick is noted for her beautiful flower garden and she also enjoys providing for the birds by feeding them with her bird feeders; and

WHEREAS, both devout Christians, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick evince their faith in the Lord through their participation and membership in Frayser Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, in this age of unrest, a golden anniversary is indeed a remarkable achievement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kirkpatrick on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and join them in their anticipation of many more happy years together.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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